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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE CONSOLIDATED CONTRACTORS CORPORATION (CCC)
OF ATHENS

REF: STATE 83700 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY RTDO MAY BE OF USE TO
GOVERNOR SCRANTON IN EVALUATING CCC.

2. CCC FORMED IN 1952 BY THE THREE PRINCIPALS MENTIONED
IN REFTL TO CONSTRUCT NEW TOWN AND REFINERY FOR BRITISH
PETROLEUM CORPORATION NEAR ADEN. FROM 1959-1973 CCC COMPLETED
NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN LIBYA FOR COMPANIES
WHICH INCLUDED OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM AND MOBIL OIL. IN 1973
DUE TO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN REPATRIATING CONSTRUCTION
PROFITS, CCC SOLD ITS INTEREST IN THEIR LIBYAN CONSTRUCTION TO
A LIBYAN PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSMAN. FROM 1955 TO THE PRESENT
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MOST OF CCC'S CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN THE ARABIAN
PENINSULA, IRAQ AND JORDAN.

3. IN APRIL 1976, DUE TO FIGHTING IN LEBANON, CCC MOVED ITS
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, WHICH CURRENTLY EMPLOYS 120 PERSONS,
FROM BEIRUT TO ATHENS. THIS OFFICE WHICH MAY RAPIDLY EXPAND
TO MORE THAN 180 PERSONS IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN ATHENS FOR

THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. CCC SPECIALIZES IN:

- A. CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS.
- B. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING WORKS.
- C. MARINE WORKS.
- D. MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL INSTALLATIONS AND UNDERWATER STRUCTURES.

5. THE PRINCIPAL BANK USED BY CCC SINCE ITS FORMATION IS THE ARAB BANK LTD. OF AMMAN.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT CCC EMPLOYED A TOTAL OF 6500 PERSONS AS OF FEBRUARY 1977. OF THIS NUMBER 627 WERE PROFESSIONAL OR SKILLED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. THIS NUMBER INCLUDED 173 ON-SITE ENGINEERS AND 37 ENGINEER/AMNAGEMENT PERSONNEL. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE COMPANY OWNS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT VALUED AT MORE THAN DOLLARS \$50 MILLION.

7. AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977, CCC WAS REPORTED TO HOLD AWARDED CONTRACTS TOTALING DOLLARS 827 MILLION. THE COMPANY EXPECTS TO COMPLETE CONTRACT WORK TOTALING DOLLARS 332 MILLION IN 1977 WHICH WOULD REFLECT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ITS 1976 COMPLETION RECORD OF \$174 MILLION.

8. ISSAN I. NUBANI, A VICE PRESIDENT

WHO JOINED CCC IN 1955,
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CLAIMS THAT THE COMPANY HAS NEVER REPEAT NEVER FAILED TO COMPLETE A PROJECT TO ITS HIGH STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE. ON APRIL 14, 1977, DURING A VISIT BY RTDO TO CCC'S WELL ORGANIZED AND APPOINTED ATHENS OFFICE, NUBANI RECEIVED AND AGREED TO RETURN THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 A WTDR QUESTIONNAIRE.

9. ADDITIONAL CORPORATE REFERENCES PROVIDED BY NUBANI INCLUDE:

- A. ARAMCO
- B. BECHTEL
- C. FLOUR
- D. KELLOGG
- E. FOSTER-WHEELER

10. WE WILL TRANSMIT WTDR ON CCC TO ADDRESSEE POSTS UPON RECEIPT. OUR INVESTIGATION OF CCC HAS NOT RAIBAANY QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE INTEGRITY OF THIS APPARENTLY WELL-ESTABLISHED AND HIGHLY REGARDED MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

11. THE ADDRESS OF THE FIRM IS:

126 SYNGROU AVENUE

ATHENS 404, GREECE

CABLE: CONCOIN

TELEX: 219551 CCIC GR

TELEPHONE: 922-3278 OR 9223-727

12. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS CCC FURTHER WITH
GOVERNOR SCRANTON SHOULD HE VISIT ATHENS IN EARLY MAY AND WILL
BE MOST WILLING TO OFFER ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE GOVERNOR MAY
REQUIRE.

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